



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Junior Naturalist Programs

Summer 2016

Looking for some outdoor fun for your school-age kids this summer?

Programs are from 10:00 am - 11:30 am on selected Thursdays throughout the summer.

Nature journaling is encouraged, so feel free to bring a small notebook and pencil.

All programs will be outdoors, so please have youth dress appropriately.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany youth at all times.

Nature Discovery Hike.....Thursday, June 2, 2016

In celebration of National Trails Day on June 4th, join staff and hike to the top of the Loess Hills, observing plants and wildlife along the way. The Loess Bluff Trail includes 200 stone steps, which can be considered strenuous.

Dress appropriately, wear sturdy comfortable shoes, and bring water.

Wetland Ecosystem Investigation.....Thursday, June 16, 2016

Why is it called a wetland? Who lives in wetland habitats? What exactly is a habitat?

We will answer these questions and more with a hands-on learning activity that investigates wetland habitats.

Please wear old shoes that can get wet, dress appropriately to be outdoors, and bring water to drink.

Birding for Beginners.....Thursday, June 30, 2016

Participants will become familiar with binoculars and learn how to use a field guide to identify birds.

After field guide orientation and Binocular Boot Camp, participants will go outside to observe birds.

Wildlife Habitats.....Thursday, July 14, 2016

Where do wild animals live on the refuge? How do we know that wildlife is around without actually seeing it? These questions and more will be answered on a less-than a mile hike where we will observe wildlife and signs of wildlife. Dress appropriately to be outdoors, wear comfortable sturdy shoes, and bring water to drink.

Tremendous Trees.....Thursday, July 28, 2016

What kind of trees grow on the refuge? How can we identify trees?

Participants will learn the basics of tree identification through observations, sketching, and labeling.

Pollinators & Their Plants.....Thursday, August 11, 2016

Pollinators such as hummingbirds, bats, bees, beetles, butterflies, and flies help pollinate over 75% of our flowering plants, and nearly 75% of our crops, yet some species are in decline.

Participants will learn about pollinators, observe them in action, and learn what they can do to help them.

Programs are free of charge. Pre-registration is recommended.

Directions: Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, take Interstate 29 to Exit 79 south of Mound City, Missouri then travel south 2 ½ miles on U.S. Highway 159.

For more information, please call (660) 442-3187